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Future Blacksmith Soldier,

On behalf of the entire unit, I would like to welcome you and your family to the 704th Brigade Support Battalion "Blacksmiths" and Fort Carson, "The Best Hometown in the Army", located at the foot of Cheyenne Mountain and the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. These are exciting times for the unit as we have recently returned from an extremely successful 12 month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. With that said, it is important to convey exactly what we bring to the plate. Our mission is to provide the Brigade Combat Team with the finest, single source for seamless, responsive, and synchronized logistics support that enables the sustainment of the entire brigade and our supported units. Our Soldiers play a vital role in ensuring no mission fails due to lack of logistics support.

Fort Carson and the surrounding communities have a lot to offer you and your family, to include: excellent schools, low crime rate and easy access to outdoor and recreational activities at Fort Carson and nearby locations such as Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, several caverns, shopping, opera, theater, live sports events, etc.

All incoming personnel should report to the United States Army Replacement Detachment and Fort Carson Welcome and Farewell Center, Building 1218, located on the corner of Wetzel Avenue and Ellis Street. It is not necessary to report in uniform. The detachment operates 24 hours a day. You will receive an in-processing appointment after signing in and the entire in-processing process will take two to four days, depending on rank. Be sure to have your dental, medical, finance, and personnel records, orders and a DA 31 (leave form). If your finance records are in order, you will normally be paid your travel time entitlements within five days of your first day of in-processing.

For your convenience several links have been included at the bottom of this letter to assist in your transition to Fort Carson. You will be assigned a Battalion sponsor that will be of further assistance and will be your point of contact throughout your transition. If you have not been contacted by your sponsor within 7 days of receiving this letter please contact the 704th Brigade Support Battalion at CARS4ID4BCT704BSBSP@conus.army.mil or 719-526-0209.

Your smooth transition into our Battalion is very important to us. We are happy to welcome you into the Blacksmith family and look forward to your arrival here on Fort Carson.

BLACKSMITHS SHARPEN THE STEEL!

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//
Larry A. Parks
Command Sergeant Major, US Army
Battalion Command Sergeant Major

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Clint C. Taylor
Lieutenant Colonel, US Army
Battalion Commander

Fort Carson Links

Fort Carson Homepage

<http://www.springsgov.com>

Fort Carson ACS

<http://community.carson.army.mil/ACS>

Evans Army Hospital

<http://evans.amedd.army.mil>

Transportation

<https://www.jppso-cos.af.mil>

Housing Homepage

<http://www.fortcarsonfamilyhousing.com>

704th BSB Homepage

<http://www.carson.army.mil/units/4id/units/4thbde/4thbdeindex.html>

704th BSB Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?Eid=112567412134238&ref=mf#!/group.php?gid=118768198173404&ref=ts>

Colorado Springs Links

Colorado Springs Homepage

<http://www.carson.army.mil>

Pikes Peak Homepage

<http://www.pikes-peak.com>

Sky Sox Baseball

<http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t551>

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo

<http://www.cmzoo.org>

Manitou Springs

<http://www.manitousprings.org>

Garden of the Gods

<http://www.gardenofgods.com/parkinfo>

Other things to do in Colorado Springs

<http://www.coloradosprings.com>